

MEETING MINUTES

Act 264 Advisory Board/Children's SPSC Joint Meeting

June 24, 2022

FINAL

Act 264 Advisory Board Meeting (9:30 – 11:00)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Matt Wolf, Alice Maynard, Heather Freeman, Doug Norford Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Steve DeVoe – DMH, Gail Hardy, Donna, Phil LaPlante, Sandi Yandow – VFFCMH, Yuri R., Laurie Mulhern, Katie Smith – DMH, Amy Lincoln Moore - VFFCMH		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
2022 Local Interagency Team Survey Updates/Next Steps	The group reviewed and finalized the survey questions. Steve will send out the Local Interagency Team surveys as soon as is possible.	Steve will send out the Local Interagency Team surveys.
Act 264 Board Member Recruitment Update	The group looked at the draft of the Act 264 recruitment flyer and made some suggestions.	Joanne said she would ask Steve about getting information on the new recruitment process for Governor's committees and boards to the group.
Public Comment:		
Joint Act 264 Advisory Board and State Program Standing Committee Meeting (11:00 – 12:15)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Matt Wolf, Alice Maynard, Heather Freeman, Doug Norford, Laurie Mulhern, Ron Bos Lun Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Katie Smith – DMH, Steve DeVoe – DMH, Donna, Gail Hardy, Sandi Yandow, Amy Lincoln Moore – VFFCMH, Rebecca Rectenwald		
Agenda Items	Discussion Points	Decisions/Actions
Agency/Department/Organization Invitation Letters Discussion and Next Steps	The group reviewed and made updates to the letter to the Department of Mental Health Commissioner.	Heather sent the Department of Mental Health Commissioner letter to Steve.
Integrated Family Services Update: Cheryle Wilcox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a State Interagency Team meeting yesterday. Cheryle will send this group the notes. • The Department of Family Services provided an update on case load numbers. • The Vermont Family Network is still seeking an Executive Director. • The Department of Mental Health Child, Adolescent and Family Unit is now back to full staff. A care manager was just hired. 	Cheryle will send the yesterday's State Interagency Team meeting minutes to the group.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work on advocacy is happening with the Department of Financial Regulation and a working group will be set up to discuss the issue around youth with private insurance not being able to get coverage for the same treatment programs as are covered by Medicaid, so there is a challenge to get services for children.• An Eating Disorder workgroup has been created.• Laurel Omland and Cheryle visited the Mobile Response Team in Rutland and there is a lot of good work happening.• Significant work happening at the Department of Mental Health and other Agency of Human Services departments, and designated agencies (DAs) around alternatives to emergency departments.• Suzanne Legare Belcher, the Field Director for St. Johnsbury has retired and there is now a new Field Director on State Interagency Team, Kerri Duquette-Hoffman.• There is a new Director of Licensing for Childcare in the Child Development Division, Beth Mauer.• There was a Local Interagency Team (LIT) Connections Meeting this week where there was a discussion about how LITs manage supporting families.• No one responded to the Request for Proposals for an analysis around peer support people, but they are still gathering information. Had a meeting this week and there will be another next week to discuss having Coordinated Service Plan (CSP) work carved out differently than Local Interagency Team (LIT) Parent Representatives (PRs). The group is working actively with Steve DeVoe around Mental Health Block Grant funds because they did not have that portion for the analysis, as well as ensure compliance with federal statute on using these funds for PRs. Working to ensure there is not a gap in parent representatives.• One of the members of the public asked if Local Interagency Team parent representatives (PRs) will still be paid for Coordinated Service Plan (CSP) meetings? Alice said that she paid Local Interagency Team Parent Representatives for working with families with CSPs being reviewed by LITs, SIT, and CRC, not all Coordinated Service Plans, when she was at Department of Mental Health (DMH). As the system of care developed, it became clear that it was more effective and efficient to have such peer support around more CSPs to help avoid the need for a	
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	<p>review by LITs, SIT, and CRC. At that point, the payment process started to become less clear. The DMH team is working with Alison Krompf, DMH Deputy Commissioner, to determine next steps as there is high value in parent representation for LIT and CSPs. Next week there will be more details figured out which Cheryle will communicate to the parent representatives.</p> <p>Parent Representatives need to know who they need to submit their paperwork to from now on. By next week, Cheryle will let everyone know how that will happen.</p> <p>The Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health will no longer be handling the payments to parent representatives; it will now be handled by the State.</p>	
Review May 2022 meeting minutes	Heather made a motion to accept the minutes; Cinn seconded. No discussion. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous with two abstentions.	
Public Comment	No public comment.	
Agenda Planning	<p>Need to work on the other Commissioner/Secretary letters.</p> <p>Have Cheryle present on the resolution of the payment for parent representatives for Coordinated Service Plans.</p> <p>Discuss who has and who has not submitted their Local Interagency Team surveys.</p> <p>Creation of an action item list for the group to ensure issues/work doesn’t get dropped.</p>	Steve will send letter to Commissioner Hawes inviting her to the September meeting.
BREAK (12:20 – 12:30)		
State Program Standing Committee (12:30 – 2:00)		
Members present: Cinn Smith, Laurie Mulhern, Ron BosLun		
Guests: Joanne Crawford – DMH, Steve DeVoe – DMH, Phil LaPlante, Gail Hardy, Katie Smith – DMH, Eva Dayon - DMH Veronica Whitehill - NKHS, Noreen Shapiro-Berry - NKHS, Rebecca Rectenwald – NKHS Program Standing Committee, Laura Nelson - NKHS, Denise Niemira – NKHS Board, Kelsey Stavseth – NKHS, Josh Burke - NKHS, Janet Hussey Monette – NKHS		
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NKHS Question and Answer Session	The team from Northeast Kingdom Human Services responded to the questions that the State Program Standing Committee members asked regarding the designation report.	

NKHS Session Debrief and Designation Recommendation Next Steps	Eva provided the group with the next steps for the designation recommendation. The group discussed their concerns about the agency and the areas where the agency needed kudos. The group decided to recommended redesignation with minor deficiencies.	
Close/Meeting Adjournment	Meeting ended 2:02.	